

Morehead State University News for the Council on Postsecondary Education



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Tudor named nation's top cadet



From left, Maj. Robert Mason, Cadet Wesley Tudor and President Wayne D. Andrews.

Morehead State University ROTC's Battalion Commander Wesley Tudor, LaPort, Ind., senior, ranks as the number one cadet in the nation. The son of Scott Allen Tudor and Natalie Gail Hardin, Tudor received a ranking of first out of 5,342 cadets from 272 universities across the nation, not including West Point.

He is the highest ranking cadet in Morehead State's ROTC history. The national ranking system, called "Order of Merit" list, is a combination of accomplishments from the last three years. The top 20 percent of cadets on the Order of Merit list are recognized as Distinguished Military Graduates.

"We are very proud of Cadet Tudor," said Maj. Robert A. Mason, professor of military science. "It is a very big honor to be the top ranked cadet in the nation."

Prior to Tudor, Shannon Niki Martin was the highest ranking cadet. She received a ranking of third out of 3,806 cadets from 272 universities across the nation, not including West Point, in 2006-07.

Three other cadets -- Zach Shutte of Olive Hill, Cory Moore of Flemingsburg and Justin Collins of Beavercreek, Ohio -- also earned Distinguished Military Graduate ratings, which is finishing in the top 10 percent.

Booth, Malphrus honored by state group

MSU won two awards during the 2010 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship sponsored by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair of the Department of Earth and Space Sciences and director of the Space Science Center, was named top of the college teaching profession in the Commonwealth with the Acorn Award. With the presentation of the 2010 Acorn Award, Dr. Malphrus became the first winner from MSU.

Regent James H. Booth was the recipient of the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education's Outstanding Alumnus of Kentucky (OAK) Award.

The awards were presented by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Menifee County schools receive iPads from MSU

MSU presented more than 75 Apple iPads to the Menifee County School System as part of a grant received by MSU's 21st Century Education Enterprise. The goal is to increase the effective use of technology in the classrooms.

"I think it is a great opportunity for Morehead State to partner with Menifee County. The students at Botts Elementary and the high school are excited about the iPads and the technology that it will bring in the classroom," said Dr. Andrews. "A lot of hard work went into making this possible and it shows the commitment that MSU has to the area."

Funding for the \$50,000 grant came via MSU's Center for Regional Engagement.

Teachers enrolled in the program must be willing to commit 30 hours during a two-year period to fulfill the requirements. Both Botts Elementary and Menifee County High School will receive a class set of 30 iPads for the entire school to utilize, as well as 10 teachers from Botts and six teachers from the high school that have been selected to receive individual iPads.

The agreement also has allocated money to allow for the purchase of education applications that will be downloaded on the iPads on an individual basis based on the teachers' specific needs.

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'Excellence in Civic Engagement' award recipients honored

For the fifth year, Morehead State University partnered with the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce to recognize outstanding community members dedicated to making Rowan County a better place to live through service to the community or a community organization.

The awards were given as part of MSU's sixth annual Constitution Day celebration.

Five awards were given recognizing some of Rowan County's finest citizens. The Morehead Conference Center was named as the "Community Business" recipient for its contributions to Rowan County Christmas. Sustainable Morehead was the "Community Organization" winner for its dedication to further sustainable living in the city, county and region. The "Community Member" award recipient was Dr. Bob Grueninger for his selflessness in assisting others throughout the area.

Dr. Janet Ratliff, director of the Economic Education Center in the College of Business and Public Affairs, was the "MSU Faculty/Staff" recipient for her work as adviser to the "MSU Student Organization" recipient, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). Members of SIFE volunteered more than 2,100 hours to more than 18 different projects within the past year to help people achieve their dreams through free enterprise education.



Kiffmeyer, Potter honored by state board

In celebration of Kentucky Archives Month, MSU's Dr. Thomas Kiffmeyer and librarian emeritus Clara Potter received Certificates of Merit issued by the State Historical Records Advisory Board.

The certificates underline the importance of archives and historical records to all citizens, and celebrate those whose scholarship and advocacy help illustrate the importance of access and preservation of historical documents.

Eagle Soccer wins OVC regular season title



Morehead State women's soccer team clinched their second consecutive regular season Ohio Valley Conference championship with a 1-0 victory over Jacksonville State. MSU earns the right to host the OVC post-season soccer tournament for the second straight year which is on Nov. 4-5, 7.

MSU receives SDCF grant

MSU has received one of two 2010-11 Guest Artist Initiative Program grants from the Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation (SDCF). University of Nevada Las Vegas was the other recipient.

Each school will receive SDCF funding of \$3,000 to hire a professional director or choreographer for a mainstage production.

Dr. Birriel featured in Astronomy magazine

MSU's Dr. Jennifer Birriel, associate professor of physics in the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics, is one of five featured astronomers in *Astronomy* magazine's Astro Confidential section. She appears in the October 2010 issue.